MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice ; I must ask the Land Revenue Commissioner.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether water-cess is levied on account of these *chiras* ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Road, Buildings and Irrigation*): I again claim notice, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know whether the list relates to the Nedumangad taluk alone or whether it comprises all the taluks ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I think it is a complete list for all taluks in the State.

*The Vembayam-Nedumangad Road.*

35. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that the roads in the Nedumangad taluk are not maintained properly ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the owners of the buses that used to ply for service from Vamanapuram to Nedumangad have suspended their service due to the unsafe condition of the Vembayam-Nedumangad road ;

(*c*) how long has the Vembayam-Nedumangad road been left neglected ; and

(*d*) whether they are aware that the above road is not fit even for cart traffic, not to speak of motor traffic ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) ; (*a*) They are being maintained to the limits of the maintenance grants for the purpose.

(b) No.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*d*) No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know the amount of the maintenance grant ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Rs. 600 per annum.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will that suffice ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads Buildings and Irrigation*): I think so, because the road is not bad and a 14-seater bus is running on it.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Is the member aware that, for the last several months, the bus did not run at all on account of the uselessness of the road ?

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I do not admit that the road is useless. As far as I know, the bus has been running all along, till quite recently. Even now, the report that I have received is that the bus *is* running.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangd*): Has the Chief Engineer gone by this road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No, Sir.

*The Nedumangad Munsiff's Court.*

36. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) the number of original suits and small cause suits that were filed in the Nedumangad Munsiff's Court in the year 1110 M. E.;

(ii) the number of execution cases pending execution and waiting execution on the file of the court;

(iii) how long has the court been continued as a Temporary Court; and

(iv) what difficulty there is in confirming the court?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table an year-war statement of original as well as small cause suits filed in the Munsiff's Court from its very starting up to the end of 1110 M. E.?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) and (ii) and (*b*) A †statement containing the required information is laid on the table.

(*a*) (iii) From 1103 M. E.

(iv) The court cannot be made permanent until the institutions of the court show that there will be sufficient work for a permanent court. In the opinion of the High Court, it is too early now to decide whether the court at Nedumangad should be made permanent.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In the opinion of the High Court, what is the period that is required for the Temporary Munsiff's Court, at Nedumangad being made permanent?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It depends on the amount of work in the Court.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In the opinion of the High Court what is the quantity of work that is required for a temporary Munsiff's Court being made permanent?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The High Court thinks that the amount of work now transacted in the Court is not sufficient to warrant that court being made permanent.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): What is the exact number of cases that is required in order that the High Court may recommend the court being made permanent?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Law's Delays Commissioner puts down, I believe, at 1,000 small cause suits and 750 to 800 ordinary suits.

† *Vide* Appendix.



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